

Algebraic Reasoning Content Academy—Grade 5 Round Rock ISD

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Content Academy Goals

Teachers will have the opportunity to:

- Increase their content knowledge of algebra and algebraic reasoning
- Connect upper elementary patterns and algebraic reasoning in vertical alignment with middle and high school algebra
- Practice assessing the cognitive level and rigor of algebra/pattern tasks and consider strategies to increase and maintain high cognitive level
- Receive an intro to the new Algebra Kits and connect kit lessons to topics in training

Learning Outcomes—Day 1

Aligning teaching to the way students learn

- Solve, analyze, and discuss mathematical tasks
- Consider the effects of different levels of mathematical tasks on students' achievement
- Investigate patterns of numbers in hundred, fifty and eighty board
- Explore Hundred Board activities across grade levels 3, 4, and 5
- Extend hundred board activities to multiples, factors, prime & composite numbers, sequences & algebraic rules



Who Are We?

- A number of different graphs are posted around the room. Using a colored dot, put “yourself” on each graph.



Who are we?

- Look at the graphs about us.
- What do you notice?
- As a table, write a single sentence that best describes the whole group.

Analyzing Mathematical Tasks

“There is no decision that teachers make that has a greater impact on students’ opportunities to learn and on their perceptions about what mathematics is than the selection or creation of the tasks with which the teacher engages students in studying mathematics.”

Lappan & Briars, 1995

What are Mathematical Tasks?

We define mathematical tasks as a set of problems or a single complex problem the purpose of which is to focus students' attention on a particular mathematical idea.

Why Focus on Mathematical Tasks?

- Tasks form the basis for students' opportunities to learn what mathematics is and how one does it
- Tasks influence learners by directing their attention to particular aspects of content and by specifying ways to process information
- The level and kind of thinking required by mathematical instructional tasks influences what students learn



Professional Practice Norms

- Listening to and using others' ideas.
- Adopting a tentative stance toward practice -- wondering about the rationale/outcome for other's professional decisions instead of espousing certainty and being judgmental about what the teacher was thinking or what you believed should have happened.
- Backing up statements with evidence and providing reasoning.
- Talking with respect yet engaging in critical analysis of teachers and students portrayed.



Comparing Two Mathematical Tasks



Comparing Two Mathematical Tasks

Solve Two Tasks:

⌘ Martha's Carpeting Task

⌘ The Fencing Task

Comparing Two Mathematical Tasks

Martha's Carpeting Task

Martha was re-carpeting her bedroom which was 15 feet long and 10 feet wide. How many square feet of carpeting will she need to purchase?

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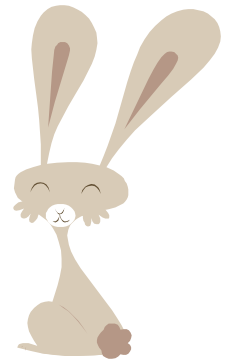


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The Fencing Task

Ms. Brown's class will raise rabbits for their spring science fair. They have 24 feet of fencing with which to build a rectangular rabbit pen in which to keep the rabbits.

1. If Ms. Brown's students want their rabbits to have as much room as possible, how long would each of the sides of the pen be?
2. How long would each of the sides of the pen be if they had only 16 feet of fencing?
3. How would you go about determining the pen with the most room for any amount of fencing? **Organize your work so that someone else who reads it will understand it.**



Comparing Two Mathematical Tasks

How are Martha's Carpeting Task and the Fencing Task the same and how are they different?

(Consider your own experience in solving the tasks and the “mathematical possibilities” of the tasks.)



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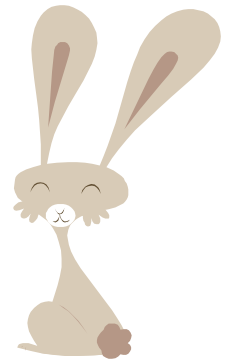


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“Not all tasks are created equal, and *different tasks will provoke different levels and kinds of student thinking.*”

Stein, Smith, Henningsen, & Silver, 2000

Comparing Two Mathematical Tasks

“The level and kind of thinking in which students engage determines what they will learn.”

Hiebert, Carpenter, Fennema, Fuson, Wearne, Murray, Oliver, & Human, 1997

Characterizing Tasks



Characterizing Tasks

Goals:

Identify characteristics of high and low level mathematical tasks.

- Martha's Carpet: Low level
- The Fencing Task: High level



Characterizing Tasks

- Sort the given Tasks into two categories: High level and Low level.
- Develop a list of criteria that describe in general the characteristics of Low level and High level tasks.

Levels of Cognitive Demand & The Mathematical Tasks Framework



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■ Low-Level Tasks

- Memorization
- Procedures without Connections (e.g., Martha's Carpeting Task)

■ High-Level Tasks

- Procedures with Connections
- Doing Mathematics (e.g., The Fencing Task)



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Categorizing Tasks

- Are all high-level tasks the same?
[Is there an important difference between Tasks I and J?]
- Are all low-level tasks the same?
[Is there an important difference between Tasks A and E?]

Categorizing Tasks

“If we want students to develop the capacity to think, reason, and problem solve then we need to start with high-level, cognitively complex tasks.”

Stein & Lane, 1996

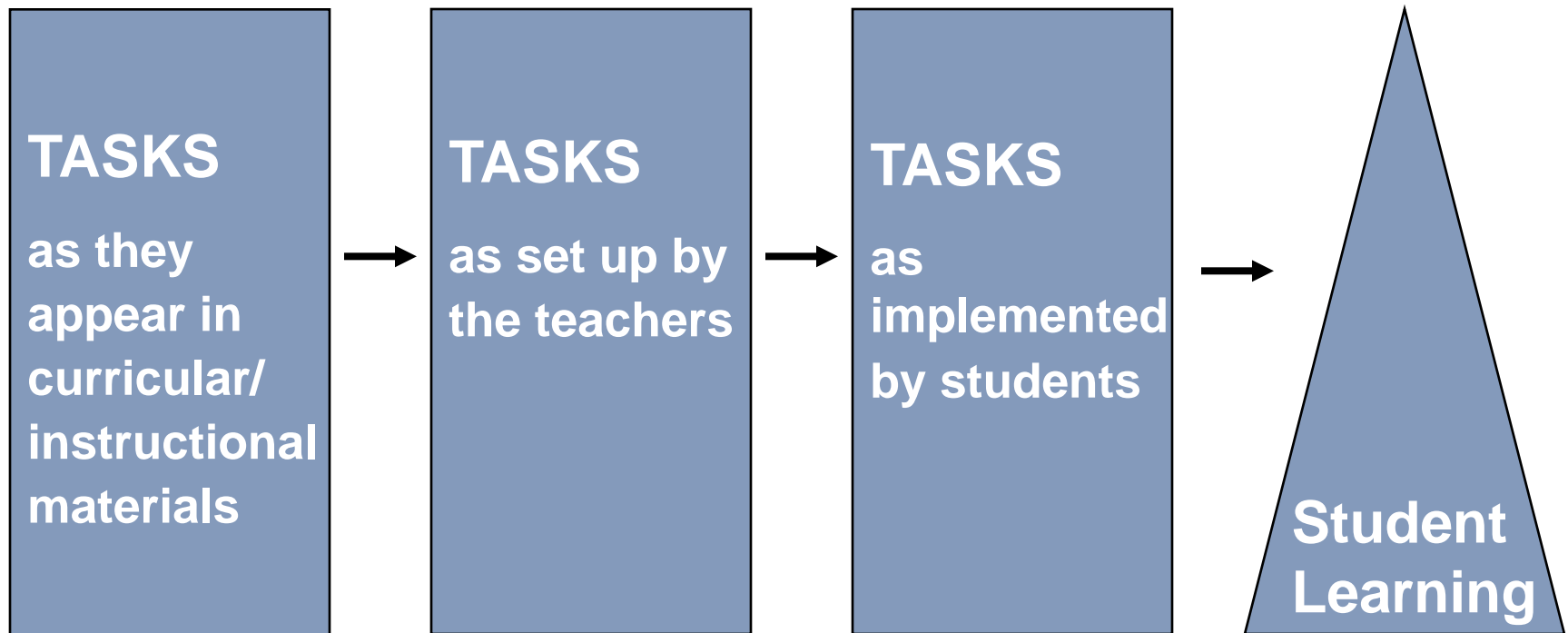
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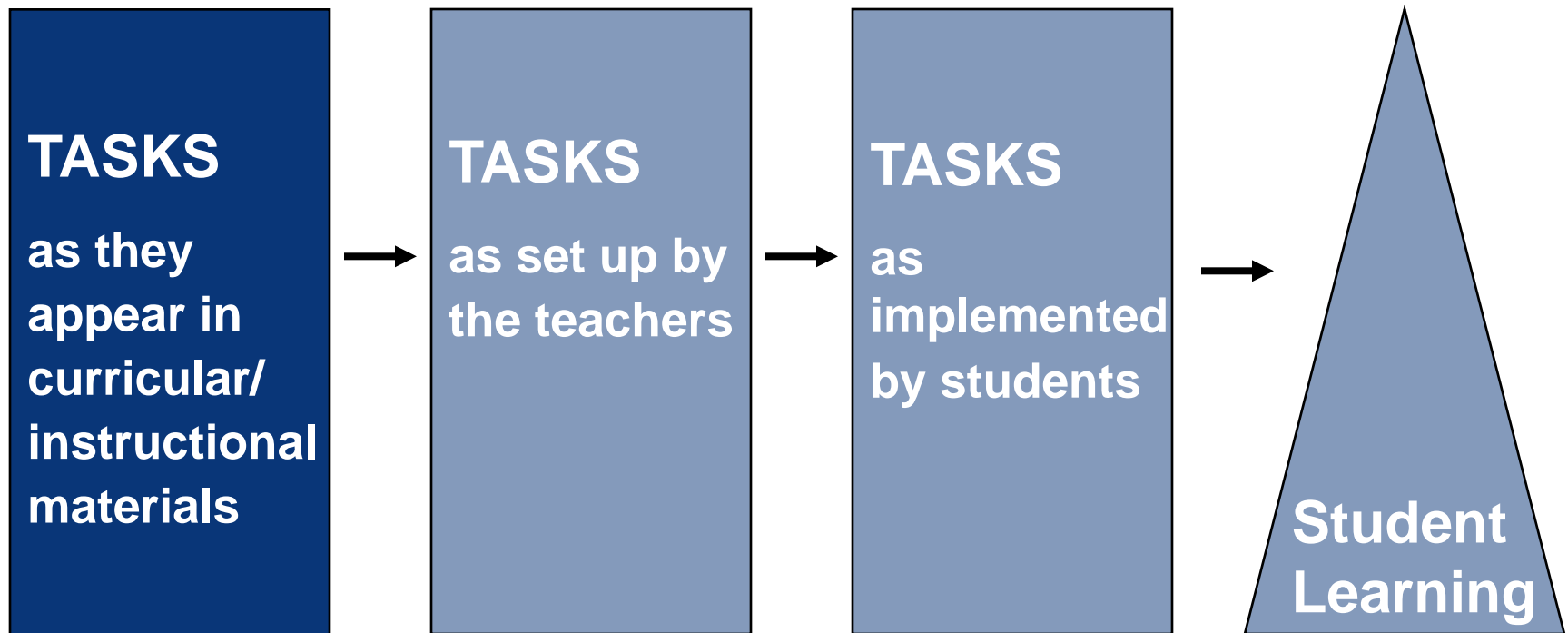


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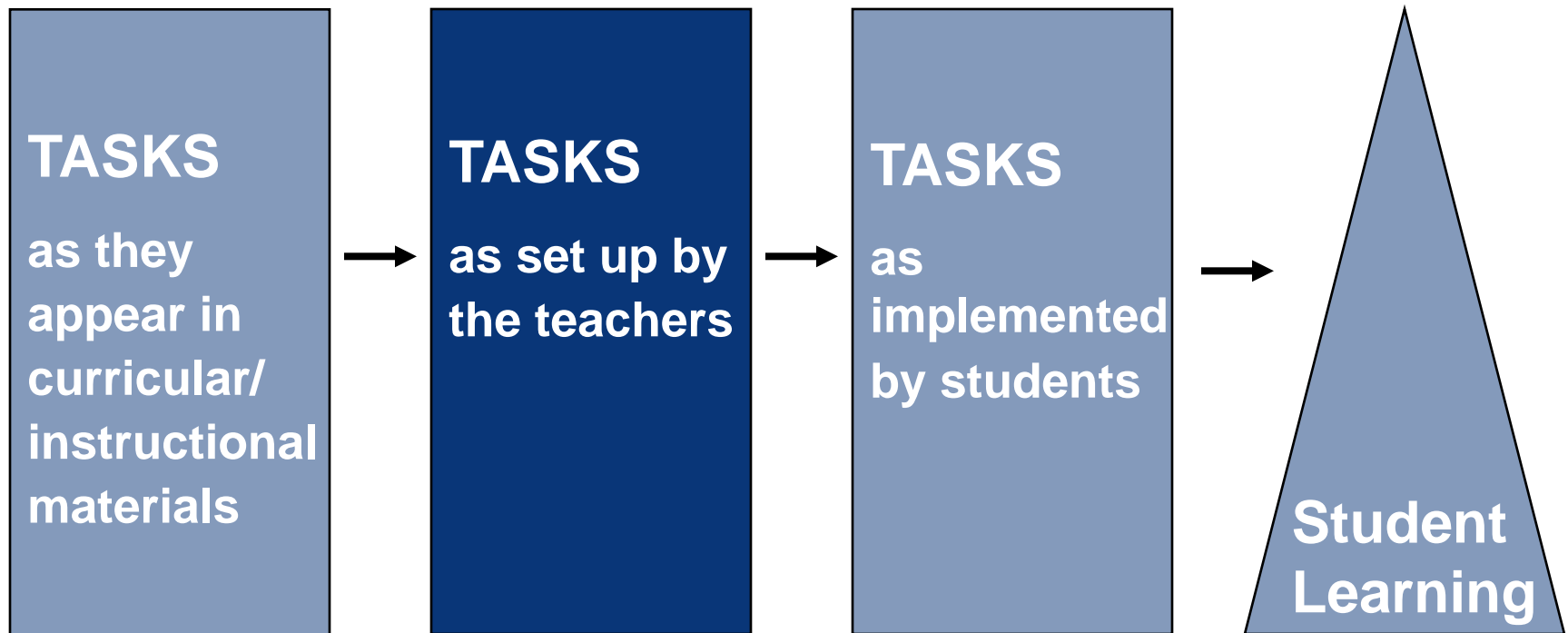


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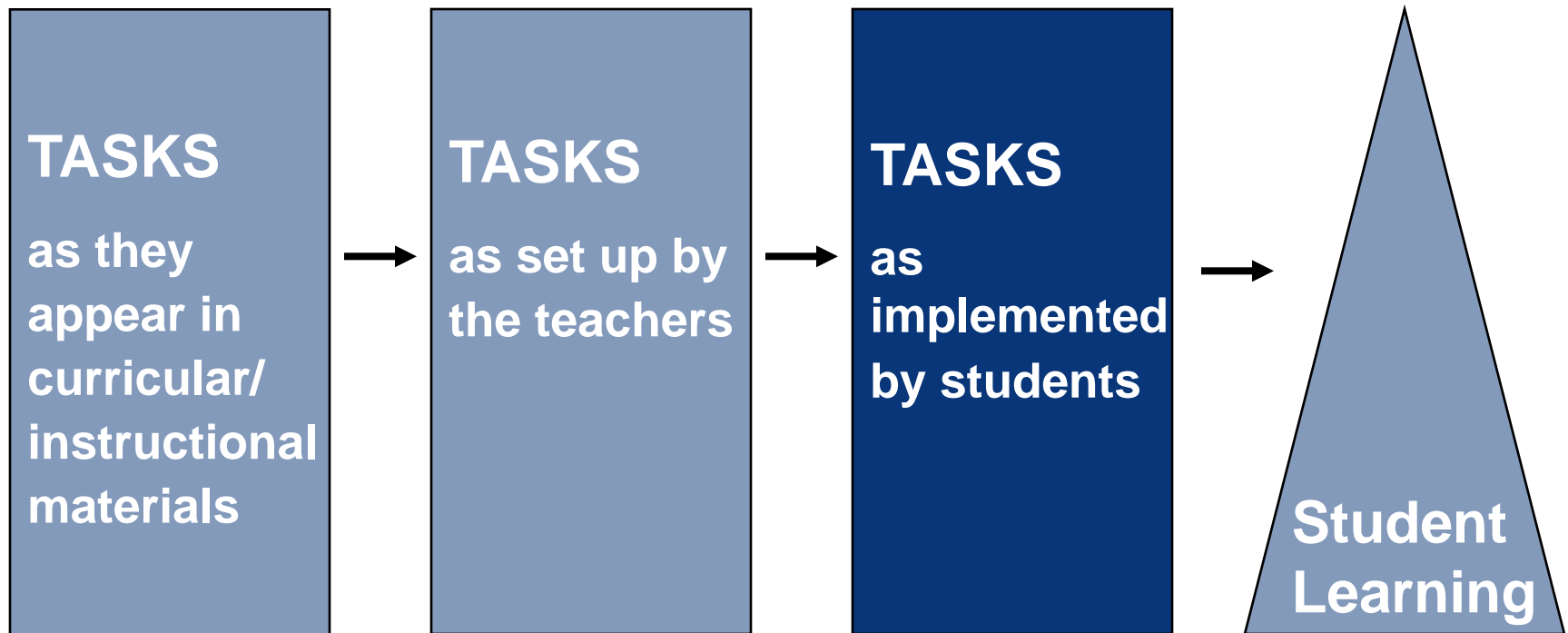


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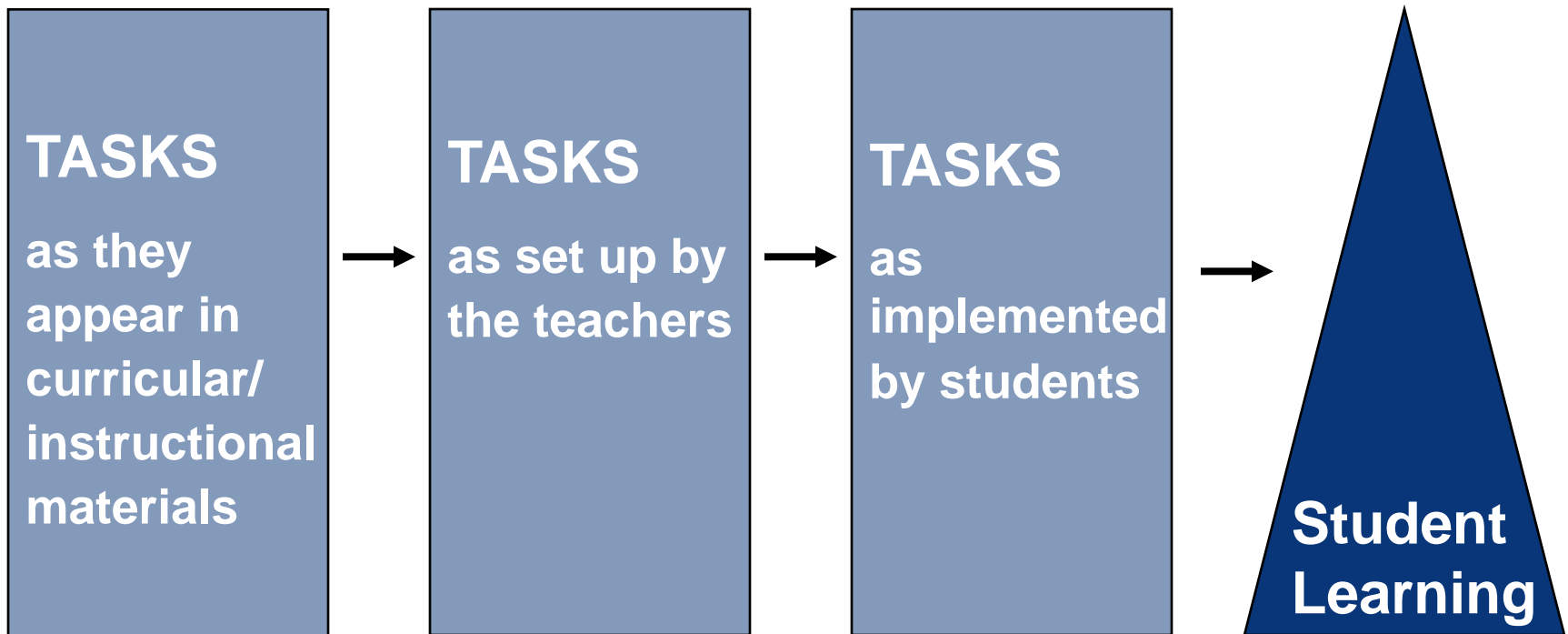


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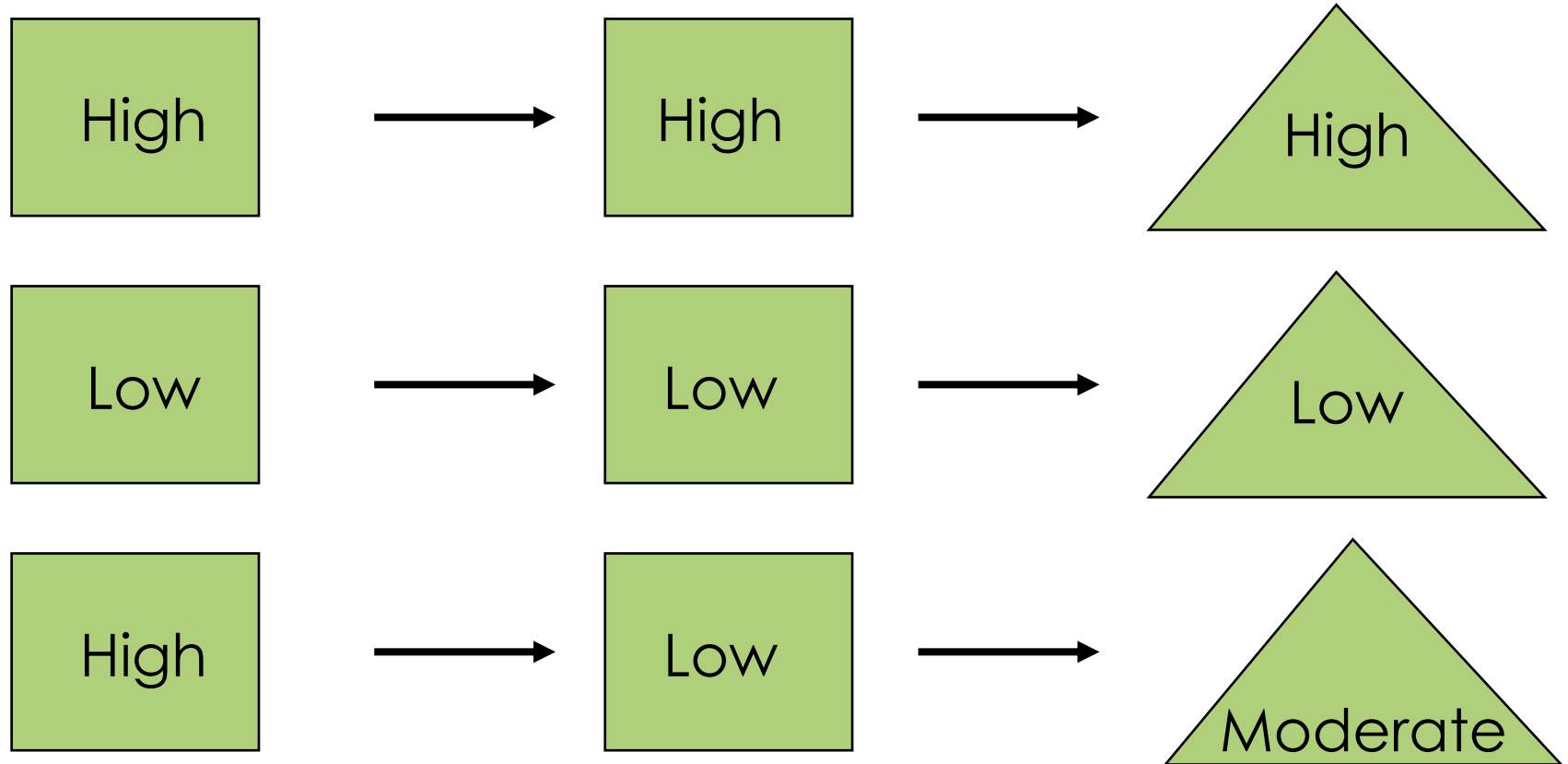
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Linking Task Level to Student Achievement

Task Set-Up

Task Implementation

Student Learning



Stein & Lane, 1996

Linking to Research/Literature

The instructional tasks teachers' select are crucial in helping students make connections and learn important mathematics concepts.

Tasks that engage students in thinking about the defining characteristics of important mathematical concepts help students develop a deep understanding of core mathematical ideas that increase retention and transfer of knowledge to new situations.



Linking to Research/Literature

“Effective mathematics teaching requires understanding what students know and need to learn and then challenging and supporting them to learn it well.”

NCTM, 2000, p.16

Reflection

What implications may the experience of the Task Sort have on my teaching?

What and how can I share important pieces of the Task Sort back on your campus?

Hundred Board Activities

- Explore Hundred Board Activities across grade levels 3, 4 and 5.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100



Hundred Board Patterns

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
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Hundred Board Patterns

- What patterns do you notice in the Hundred Board?
- In your patterns, how are the values of the numbers changing?
- Share your patterns at your tables, be ready to share patterns with the whole group.

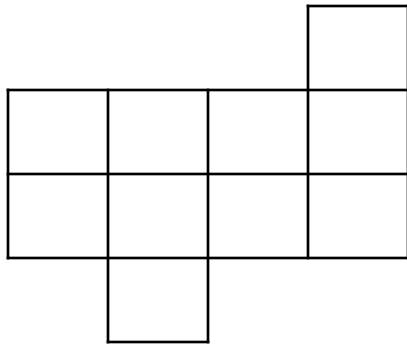
Eighty Board Patterns

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48
49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56
57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64
65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72
73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80

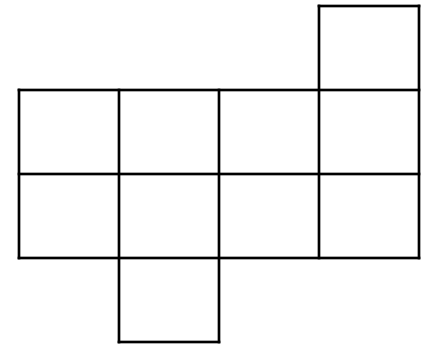


Fifty Board Patterns

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35
36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45
46	47	48	49	50

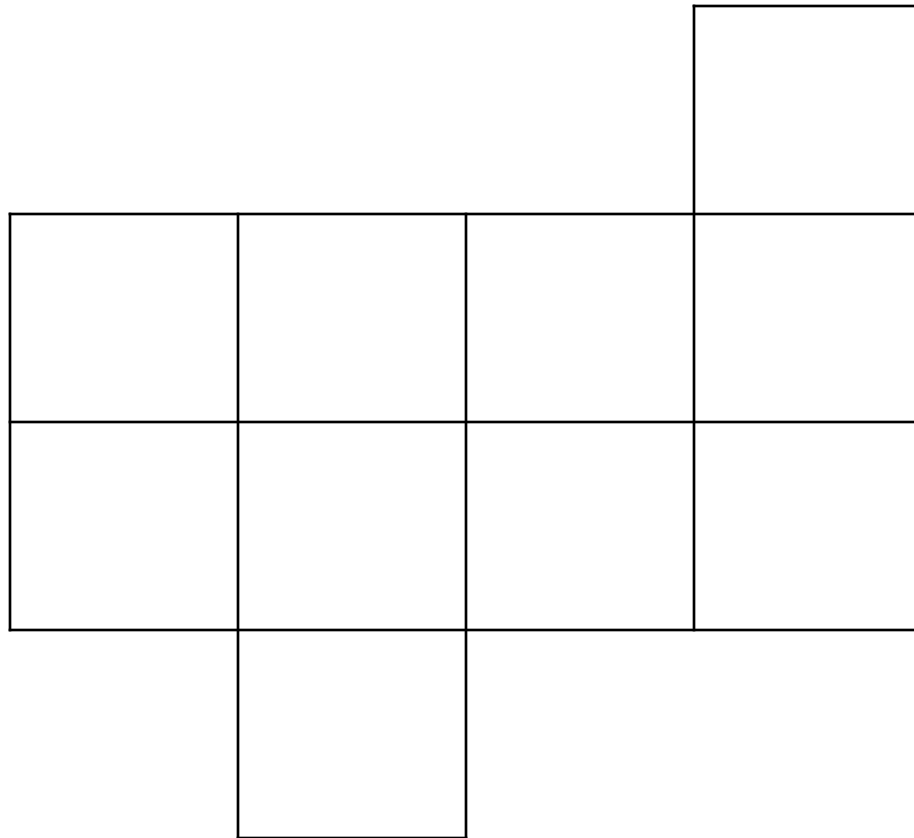


Missing Pieces



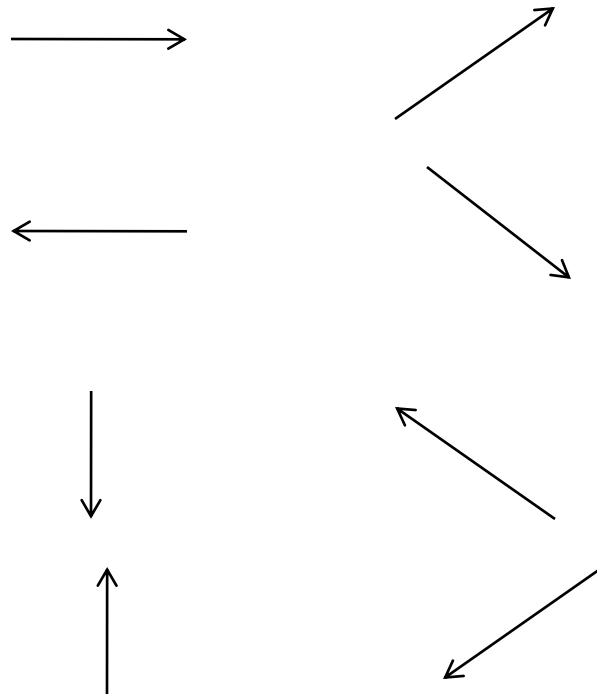
- Complete your “Missing Pieces” without using your Hundred Board
- Find the other participants in the room that have the same completed Hundred Board Missing Piece
- Discuss and compare with your new group how you completed the Missing Pieces. Be ready to share with the class

Missing Pieces



Hundred Board Arrow Paths

1) Explain how each of these arrows changes a number on a Hundred Board.



Hundred Board Arrow Paths

2) Create 2 different arrow paths that start at 12 and end at 46. Draw the arrows and each number it takes you to. Then below, write the number sentence that represents your arrow path.

12_____46

Number Sentence:_____

12_____46

Number

Sentence:_____

Hundred Board Arrow Paths

3) Create 2 different arrow paths that start and end at 78 so that on a Hundred Board the paths form either a triangle, parallelogram, pentagon or hexagon. (Each arrow path must create a different shape)

78_____78



Hundred Board Arrow Paths

4) Create an arrow path so that on a Hundred Board the path forms your favorite letter of the alphabet.

Starts at _____

Ends at _____



Hundred Board Arrow Paths

Gallery Walk:

- ❖ What was the most common pathway?
- ❖ What was the most unique pathway?

Hundred Board Arrow Paths

4) Draw every possible pair of arrows that make NO change to a number.

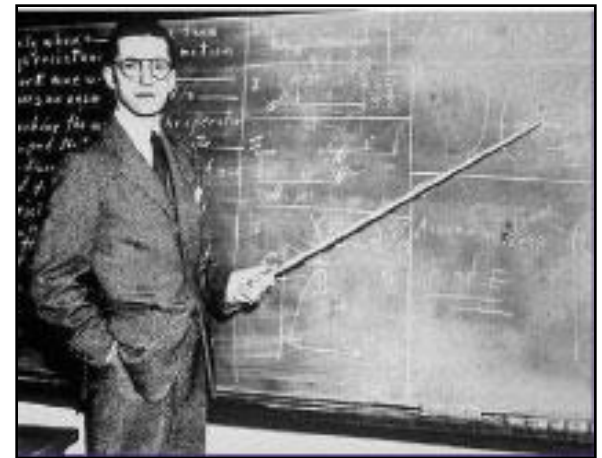
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5A) Does $\uparrow \swarrow$ make the same change to a number as $\swarrow \uparrow$?

Justify your answer with numeric examples from the Hundred Board.

Looking through Teacher Lenses

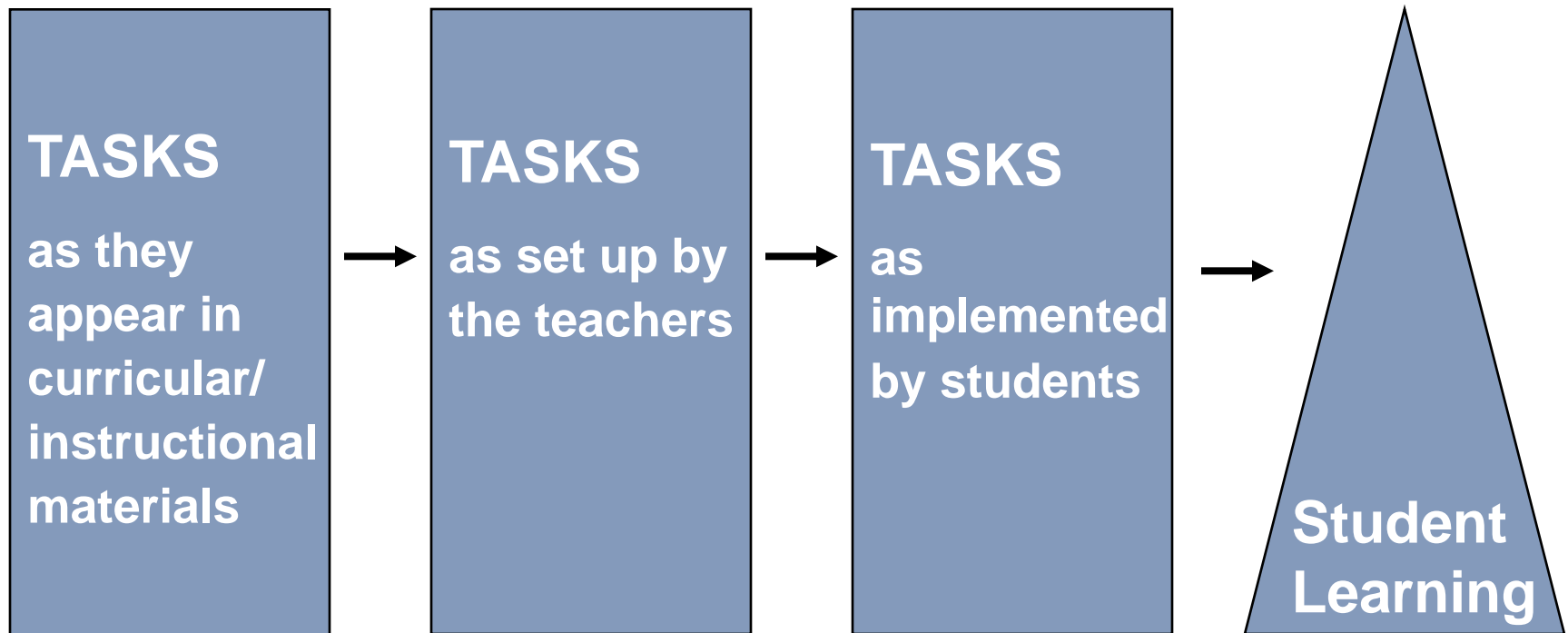
- How would you characterize the level of this task: High or low cognitive demand?
- What mathematical ideas are embedded in the task?
- What makes this worthwhile mathematics?



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Exploring Multiples

- You will begin at all the following numbers below on a Fifty Board. DO NOT put a dot in the first box, but put a colored dot in all **SUCCEEDING** multiples of that number.
- Multiples of 2 = Red
- Multiples of 3 = Green
- Multiples of 4 = Blue
- Multiples of 5 = Purple
- Multiples of 6 = Yellow
- Multiples of 7 = Orange
- Multiples of 8 = Black
- Multiples of 9 = Brown
- Multiples of 10 = Gray
- Multiples of 11 = Turquoise
- Multiples of 12 = Pink

Reflecting on Day 1



- Solve, analyze, and discuss mathematical tasks
- Consider the effects of different levels of mathematical tasks on students' achievement
- Represent problems using multiple representations
- Explore Hundred Board activities across grade levels 3, 4, and 5
- Utilize the Hundred Board to understand prime and composite numbers